

# *Mayor's Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, in response to years of environmental degradation that left polluted waters and contaminated landscapes across our country, U.S. Senator Gaylord Nelson founded Earth Day on April 22, 1970, as a day to promote national awareness of environmental issues; and

**WHEREAS**, that first Earth Day in 1970 saw 22 million Americans celebrate clean air, land, and water, and Earth Day has since grown to become an international day of environmental awareness and action celebrated by more than a billion people in 192 countries; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Auburn first observed International Earth Day in 2014 by undertaking a natural area invasive ivy removal project led by Mayor Nancy Backus and has observed International Earth Day each year since by conducting environmental enhancement projects as part of Auburn's annual citywide Clean Sweep event; and

**WHEREAS**, with care in how we use energy and water, and in making small changes in our daily habits, we can forge a sustainable future for Auburn; and

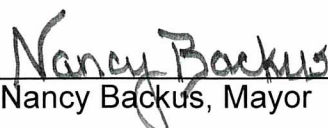
**WHEREAS**, The City of Auburn recognizes the natural environment as the foundation of a healthy society and a strong economy; and

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, NANCY BACKUS, MAYOR OF THE CITY OF AUBURN, DO HEREBY DECLARE APRIL 22, 2017 TO BE

## ***"International Earth Day"***

and call upon all residents of Auburn to look for opportunities in our daily lives to reduce our impact on the environment and to support the City's efforts to create a more sustainable Auburn.

DATED this 17th day of April 2017

  
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Nancy Backus, Mayor

